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Sunday 24th November 2024
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
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TODAY THERE WILL BE A 2ND COLLECTION FOR WORLD YOUTH DAY

TODAY IS WORLD YOUTH DAY. The second collection will support youth work in the Archdiocese and beyond, especially the work of the Southwark Catholic Youth Service, which provides a variety of activities for youth and young adults. For more information, visit www.tinyurl.com/scys1 or join the Southwark Catholic Youth network for regular updates at www.tinyurl.com/scysnetwork Additional resources have been produced by the Catholic Youth Ministry Federation (CYMFed) at www.wys.cymfed.org.uk.

PRIEST CORNER: Dear Beloved Parishioners, I would like to encourage you to come and attend the Parish Advent retreat which is scheduled for next weekend. Starting on Friday the 29th until the 1st of December which is the First Sunday of Advent. Find time for God and enrich your souls for the Holy Season of Advent. The best way to end the year is to give time for that Spiritual deepening, confessions and adoration. God bless you as you make time to come. Fr. Leo

GOSPEL REFLECTION: CHRIST IS THE CENTER OF OUR LIVES.

This Sunday, the final one in Cycle B of the Church's liturgical year, invites us to reflect on the enthronement of Christ as King in all His glory—a reminder of His ultimate victory and sovereignty. The Feast of Christ the King challenges us to give Jesus full control over our lives. It calls us to recognize that He must reign in our hearts, minds, and wills. In every moral decision, we are presented with a choice: to follow Christ the King or to pursue our own desires, like the crowd that chose Barabbas. To live as true citizens of Christ's Kingdom, we must pray and act in alignment with the words, "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven." This feast invites us to reflect deeply: *What does Jesus, my King, want me to do in this situation?* Do we ask for His guidance in our daily interactions, seeking to be His ambassadors through our words and actions? Is Christ's Kingship evident in the way we live at home, in our friendships, and in our decisions? Or are we more focused on pleasing ourselves than on honoring Him? We surrender to Christ's Kingship when we align our choices with His teachings, especially in moral decisions. His reign should encompass every aspect of our lives—personal, familial, and beyond. Let us strive each day to make Christ the center of our hearts and our actions, allowing His Kingdom to grow in and through us.



ASSIST US TO LIVE, NOT TO DIE. ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL: LAST CHANCE TO APPEAL TO YOUR MP. Life is a gift to be protected, especially when threatened by sickness and death. Palliative care, with expert pain relief, and good human, spiritual, and pastoral support, is the right and best way to care for people towards the end of life. People who are suffering need to know they are loved and valued. They need compassionate care, not assistance to end their lives. **(Catholic Bishops of England and Wales) The MP for Dover & Aylesham is Mike Tapp, visit www.livesworthliving.org.uk** Kim Leadbeater MP is introducing a bill to introduce assisted suicide, which will be voted on by MPs on **FRIDAY 29th NOVEMBER**. This is the biggest threat to the vulnerable in a decade, and we need a huge effort to lobby MPs to stop this going through.

PARISH ADVENT RETREAT 29TH NOVEMBER TO 1ST DECEMBER



Lead by Fr. Luke Dominic Onwe, OCARM

Friday 29th November: 6pm-7pm, Talk at St. Paul's; **Saturday 30th November:** 11am-12.40pm, Talk at St Paul's; 3.30pm – Adoration and Confessions; Followed by the Saturday evening Holy Mass at 6pm. Fr Luke will also celebrate some of the Masses on Sunday. All from the Deanery and beyond are invited. Every Christian will need a retreat. It is important for our Spiritual life to Pause and look deep into our lives. Here is an opportunity for our annual Lenten retreat for 2024. Join and prepare yourself calmly for the Advent and Christmas.

PENCESTER ROAD FAST TRACK: Please note Pencester Road will be closed to through traffic at its junction with Biggin Street on 18th November for approximately 3 weeks including weekends. Pencester Road Junction with Maison Dieu Road will become two way temporarily. There will be temporary traffic lights at this junction and directly outside St. Paul's Church. Access to the car park in Pencester Road will be maintained, but you will need to turn LEFT when exiting the car park, then right onto Maison Dieu Road. Please be very careful when crossing Maison Dieu Road and use the pedestrian crossings for safety. **An update on the scheme can be found here: <https://www.parishofthegoodshepherd.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/Pencester-Road-Newsletter-2-November-2024.pdf>** or there are a few copies available at the back of St Paul's.

MISSIO – RED BOXES. If you have a Red Box at home please bring it to Mass on one of the following dates, when I will be there to collect them at **St. Paul's this weekend** and **St. Finbarr's Sunday 1st December**. If you have difficulty with this, please text or phone me on 07954 584955. Thank you. Theresa McAuley, Parish Missio Rep.

THE NEW SUNDAY MISSAL comes into use **NEXT SUNDAY 1st December, the First Sunday of Advent**. The Parish has ordered the one we will be using. However, if you would like to buy a personal copy to use and take home they are £20 each. Please let Mary know in the parish office and she will order more copies if enough people would like their own.

NEXT WEEKEND there will be a 2nd Collection for the Society of St Vincent de Paul (SVP)

BIBLE STUDY AND FIDES MEETINGS AT ST FINBARR'S. The weekly Bible study and monthly Fides meetings will be taking a break over the winter, stopping this week, so no Bible Study on Tuesday. We would like to say thank you to all those who have made efforts to attend so far. We hope to reconvene in February next year. We look forward to having more parishioners join us. All are welcome.

MUSTARD SEEDS & JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP CHRISTMAS PARTY AT ST PAUL'S. - Sunday 8th December after 11am Mass. All children are welcome to join us after the 11am Mass for our Christmas celebration! There will be games, songs, Christmas crafts and lots of food! To help us cater, all those who would like to come please take a form from the back of the church and return it to George, Laura or Jan by Friday 6th December please.

ST PAUL'S CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY MASS- - Calling all children! This year, we are hoping for the Mustard Seeds to lead the Christmas Eve Mass. This would involve dressing up, singing some carols and taking part in the liturgy. If there are any children who like to take part, please come upstairs after the 9.15am Mass with a grown up to pick out a costume! We will be practicing the songs up until Christmas. Speak to Laura, Maeve, or Jan; the Children's Liturgy group.

THE NEXT RCIA COURSE is on **Monday 25th November at 7pm** in St Paul's Upper Hall. If you know someone who is interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith or you would like to know more yourself, come along.

SYCAMORE COURSE FOR YOUNG ADULTS AGED 16-35 AT ST PAUL'S Every Sunday 6pm in the Upper Hall. Contact Christina 07587 218374 or Jack 07710 430893 for more details.

THE ADULT SYCAMORE COURSE AT ST PAUL'S Every Wednesday (6.40 for 7pm) beginning with refreshments and concluding by 8.30pm. If you wish to take a look at the course material and learn more about its founder, Fr Stephen Wang, visit www.sycamore.fm

Parish of The Good Shepherd Dover and Aylesham 'Called to Bear Fruit': Parish Renewal		
	November/December 2024	
Mini Christmas Bazaar	Saturday 23 rd November 10am – 4pm	St Paul's, Dover
Young Adult Sycamore Group	Sunday 24 th November 10am – 6pm	St Paul's, Dover
RCIA Course	Monday 25 th November 7pm	St Paul's, Dover
Adult Sycamore Group	Wednesday 27 th November 7pm	St Paul's, Dover
Rosary and Bible Study at St Paul's	Thursday 28 th November 9.30am & 10.30am OT Book of Exodus	St Paul's, Dover
PARISH ADVENT RETREAT 2024	NOVEMBER 29 TH -DECEMBER 1 ST	AT ST. PAUL'S, DOVER

ST PAUL'S REPOSITORY. Catholic Diaries, Advent Calendars, and Christmas Cards are available in the hall after Sunday 9:15 a.m. Mass until 10:55 a.m. each week. Also, other cards and rosaries.

SHINE THE LIGHT Christmas Carol Singing with the "Shine the Light" campaign in England, Wales, Scotland, N. Ireland and Ireland, which hopes to gather one million people on the streets to sing Christmas Carols between 13th and 15th December and so raise the profile of the Christian aspect of Christmas. The manager of the St. James's Shopping Centre has kindly agreed that this can take place by the Christmas Tree in the shopping centre. So, Come and join the big Christmas Carol Sing St. James's Shopping Centre, Dover (by the Christmas Tree) **SATURDAY 14th December 2pm – 3 pm.** Revd Gordon Newton

PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM led by Fr Mark Wharton. From **Friday 7th – Sunday 9th March 2025.** Cost £300. Please contact Claudine Nutley to book a place claudinenutley@btinternet.com. Deadline for booking is 1st December 2024.

ADVENT OF THE HEART: A CHRISTIAN REFLECTION ON HOPE - Advent Talks in Deal:

'Voices from the Darkness, The Advent Reflections of Alfred Delp SJ and Dietrich Bonhoeffer.' Join Ben Bano as he shares reflections from the book he is writing on the spirituality of these two remarkable men. Towards the end of the Second World War, the two resistors to the Nazi regime learnt that they were to be executed. In spite of their dire situation they saw Advent as a time for hope and renewal. How can we learn from them to inform and deepen our faith? All welcome. Entrance free (a voluntary contribution to cover costs may be given). Venue: Golf Road Community Centre, 28 Golf Road, Deal, CT14 6PY. **Tues 3rd Dec 1.30 - 3pm and Tues 10th Dec 7 - 8.30pm.** Some car parking available at the Centre – more on the adjoining streets. Fr Brian Coyle, Deal Parish.

ADVENT TALKS AT OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL, HYTHE Tuesdays 26th Nov, 3rd & 10th Dec at 7pm and Thursdays 28th Nov, 5th & 12th Dec at 2pm. Parish Hall, 2 Blackhouse Hill, Hythe CT21 5LS. Pick up a flyer at the back of church for more information or go to

<https://www.parihofthegoodshepherd.uk/events/> Talk Nos 1 Grace: Tuesday 26th November at 7pm and again on Thursday 28th November at 2pm. Presented by Fr Marcus Holden & Fr Andrew Pinsent. [Made in 2016; Film Duration; 33 mins] Discussion questions: What is grace? What is its purpose? How do we receive it? Who can receive it? Are there mistaken erroneous teachings about grace? Free admission and refreshments. Donations welcome. All are welcome.

Please Pray for those who are unwell:

St Finbarr's: Ann McCallum, Elisabet Sulianti, Gabriela le Bohec, Charlie Golden, Tina Isaacs, Ray Deverson, Lucy Purbrick, Amanda Dennis, Jadon Michael Kalp, Denise Mastro, Tara Conklin & Jamie Chitwood.

St Paul's: David Meadows, Roselene Hindle, Sr Rani Xavier, Thanima Jayan, Janice & Livra Fernandes, Catriona Stark, Chris Quinn, Mary Pressnell, Gaby Anaya Amor, Danielle Sutton, Fr John Ryan, Pat Evans, Shirley Lazarus, Shirley Jefford, Clare Quigley, Gail White, Neil Stevens, John & Joyce Nix, Bailey Turner, Peggy Merrell, Ryan Whittall, Iris (Tilly) Ball, Jean Ann Dowle, Norman Woolhouse, Ted Peel, Christopher Browne, Angela, Alice Wilson, Angela Henbrey, Madison Woodall, Julie Balston, Elisa Gomez Melero, Ann Tomalak, Cathy Huntley, Emin Jain, Pat & Patricia Sherratt, Chris Roy.

Please Pray for those whose anniversaries occur this week:

St Finbarr's: Darryl, Molly Monaghan, Frances Donnachie.

St Paul's: Sean Wood, Anne McDade, David Nunn, Ernest Tumber, Dawn Wells, Elizabeth McCornish, Jose Quinn, Hurrell Robertson, Alf Huntley, Phyllis May Middleton, Florrie Healy, Terence Dowling, David Kinloch Hendry, Harold Hannaby, Elizabeth Clapson, Margaret Munro, Sr. Dymrna, Sheila May Willson.

EVENTS THIS WEEK AT ST FINBARR'S			
SAINT CLEMENT	Saturday 23rd November	4pm	Syro Malabar Mass
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE	Sunday 24th November	11.15am	Mass for Staff, Pupils & Families at St Joseph's School (Fran Honis)
	Wednesday 27th November	10.15am	Mass for Holy Souls
SAINT ANDREW	Saturday 30th November	4pm	Syro Malabar Mass
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Sunday 1st December	11.15am	Mass for All who dedicate their lives to nursing and caring.
EVENTS THIS WEEK AT PAUL'S			
SAINT CLEMENT	Saturday 23rd November	10am 10am 5pm 6pm	Mass in St Edmund's Chapel for Pro-Life Mission in the World MINI CHRISTMAS BAZAAR in the Hall (until 4pm) Confessions in the Church (until 5.45pm) Mass for The Church in England
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE	Sunday 24th November	9.15am 11am 3pm 6pm	Mass for Umberto & Vittoria Corbo (Lina Decicco) MUSTARD SEEDS Children's Liturgy Coffee after Mass Mass for Huntley & Green Families RIP (Mary) Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet Young Adults Sycamore Group in the Hall Upper Room
SAINT CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA	Monday 25th November	10am 7pm	Mass for Dawn Wells RIP (Keith & Theresa) RCIA course in the Hall Upper Room
	Tuesday 26th November	10am	Mass for World Peace
	Wednesday 27th November	10am 5.30pm 7pm	Mass for Alf & Kath Huntley RIP (Colin) Exposition and the Holy Rosary until 6.30pm Adult Sycamore Course in the Hall
SAINT CATHERINE LABOURE	Thursday 28th November	9.30am 10am 10.30am	Holy Rosary in the church Mass for Esiri Emedo-Successful Surgery Bible Study in the Hall
SAINT CUTHBERT MAINE	Friday 29th November	10am 6pm	Mass for Arthur Joseph Price 'F' ADVENT RETREAT talk with Fr Luke
SAINT ANDREW	Saturday 30th November	10am 11am 3.30pm 5pm 6pm	Mass in St Edmund's Chapel for G/E Sheila Henneker (Monica Pope) ADVENT RETREAT talk with Fr Luke ADVENT RETREAT Adoration and Confessions Confessions in the Church (until 5.45pm) Mass for Ken Gordon RIP (Theresa & Family)
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Sunday 1st December	9.15am 11am 3pm 6pm	Mass for Antonio Decicco RIP (Lina) MUSTARD SEEDS Children's Liturgy Coffee after Mass Mass for Win & Sue Hardaker & Family (Monica Pope) Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet Young Adults Sycamore Group in the Hall Upper Room

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READINGS FOR SUNDAY 24TH DECEMBER 2024

First reading

Daniel 7:13-14

I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man

I gazed into the visions of the night. And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man. He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence. On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants. His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

Responsorial Psalm

92(93):1-2,5

The Lord is King, with majesty enrobed.

Second reading

Apocalypse 1:5-8

Jesus Christ has made us a line of kings and priests

Grace and peace to you from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the First-Born from the dead, the Ruler of the kings of the earth. He loves us and has washed away our sins with his blood, and made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God and Father; to him, then, be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen. It is he who is coming on the clouds; everyone will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the races of the earth will mourn over him. This is the truth. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega' says the Lord God, who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.

Gospel Acclamation

Mk11:10

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 18:33-37

Yes, I am a king

'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked. Jesus replied, 'Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?' Pilate answered, 'Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?' Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.' 'So you are a king then?' said Pilate. 'It is you who say it' answered Jesus. 'Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.'

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.